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1. Paragraph 2 of the attachment contains some information concerning the matter covered in reference.

2. Paragraph 1 of the attachment is information furnished by AEMARSH 1, in reply to a request of ours based on a report obtained from another source, concerning Subject's trip to West Berlin and a rumor that he maintained contact with Latvia through that city. We will look into this matter a bit more to see if the courier channel to Latvia cannot be reactivated. In the meantime, it would be appreciated if you would advise us of any information you may have concerning this matter.

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Vilis HAZNERS' Trip to Berlin and London

1. Hazners was in West Berlin on 10 and 11 September 1955. The reason for this trip was to take part in the "German Day" celebration which was arranged by the Verband der Deutschen Landsmannschaften (Union of German Countrymen) with headquarters in Bonn. The invitation was first extended to the representative of the Latvian Central Committee, Colonel V. Janums. However, his health precluded a trip to Berlin at that time and he sent Hazners to represent him in his stead. A second invitation to the conference was then extended to Hazners. The conference lasted two days. Representing Latvia were Minister R. Liepins and V. Hazners. The Estonians were represented by Minister K. Selten and H. Stockeby of the Estonian Central Committee. Other exile groups, such as the Lithuanians, Poles, Hungarians, etc., were also represented. The expenses incurred by the participants taking part in the meeting were paid by the Union of German Countrymen. This meeting was a demonstration against Soviet Russia. Up until April 1955 Hazners had contact with persons in East Berlin through a woman who acted as courier between him and a Latvian seaman. The seaman had the opportunity to come to East German ports and brought many letters from people in Latvia and took letters back to Latvia. As mentioned above, this contact was broken in April 1955. The woman courier in East Berlin was arrested in the fall of 1955 and was questioned, among other things, also about Hazners. After her release she fled to West Berlin in November 1955 where she now lives.

2. Hazners was in London from 1 to 7 December 1955. He was invited (1) by prominent Latvian officers for the celebration on 1 December of the founding of the Latvian Military Academy, (2) by the executive committee of the Daugavas Vangau Fonds for a meeting on 3 December and (3) by the Latvian Minister to England, K. Zarins.

During his stay in London, Hazners met twice with a [] (Colonel?). [] identified himself as an official of British Intelligence. He questioned Hazners on conditions in Latvia. He was especially interested in the possibility of establishing direct and continuous contact with Latvia through Latvian seamen. During the conversation and discussion Hazners was very attentive and reserved. [] in addition wished to know if Hazners gave information to the U.S. Intelligence Service. Hazners allegedly answered that he is a member of the Committee for the Freedom of Latvia with its headquarters in New York and this committee is a member of the Committee of Free Europe. He therefore naturally sent information to the U.S. Not only was this his task but also his duty since he was paid a salary by the Americans.

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